

"DRY" LAW LIKELY FOR BALTIMORE

County Delegates in Legislature Oppose City's Exemption From Prohibition Measure.

WANT THE BILL TO APPLY TO THE ENTIRE STATE

United States Senate Contest Cause of Great Activity in Both Parties of Maryland.

Correspondence of The Star.
BALTIMORE, Md., March 4.—It appears just now that Baltimore may become a dry city unless a mighty change overcomes the council of the city fathers. There is a determined opposition on the part of certain county delegates to allow exemption for Baltimore in the prohibition bill. They seem determined to include this city and make the whole state dry. If they succeed in passing the bill and having the measure ratified by the voters—and the county vote in a statewide election can show under the city vote—startling opposition may follow. Talk is heard that Baltimore should follow the example set by Savannah when Georgia went dry and ignore the operation of the law.

What Was Done in Georgia.
In Georgia, when the prohibition law became operative, the saloons in Savannah did not close and the hotel bars continued to serve wet goods. The state authorities notified the Savannah authorities to close down. Savannah refused, and intimated that if the state wanted the saloons kept closed it would be necessary to send the militia to Savannah and to keep the militia there if the state authorities wanted to keep the saloons closed. Another plan is to ignore the law, allow the police to arrest violators and take the cases to the grand jury. Those behind this plan assert that even though the grand jury should return indictments it would be impossible to secure any convictions. The authorities, they claim, failing to secure convictions, would soon tire and cease making arrests, thereby making the law a dead letter.

Earnest Fight for U. S. Senate.

The fight for Senator Blair Lee's toga is on in earnest in both parties. The republicans have three candidates in the field. They are Dr. Joseph Lewis of Cecil county, former Gov. Goldsborough of Dorchester county and Col. E. C. Carrington of this city. Col. Carrington was the Roosevelt leader in Maryland four years ago, but returned to the republican party two years ago. The candidate of the big leaders is Dr. Francis, who has the support of former United States Senator Jackson, former Collector of the Port William F. Strouger, O. E. Weller, candidate for governor last year, and others noted in the republican politics of the state. Dr. Francis has opened headquarters in this city, with Amos W. W. Woodcock in charge, and will conduct a vigorous campaign until primary day rolls around. The doctor has served in the state senate from Cecil county several sessions ago, and is well known throughout the state. He was elected to the senate shortly after his marriage to the widow of Jacob Tome of Tome Institute at Port Deposit. Those who follow politics predict that Francis will win hands down in the primary, and predict success for him in the general election.

Three Democratic Candidates.

In the democratic camp there are likewise three out for the toga. One is Senator Lee himself, who doesn't mind being re-elected; Representative David Lewis of the sixth congressional district is hot-footing around the state in an effort to land the primary nomination, and W. Cabell Bruce, Baltimore lawyer, is also protecting his hat, which is in the ring. There is talk here and there that Lewis has the support of the state organization in this fight, but there is nothing tangible on which to base this assumption.

PROSPECTS BRIGHT FOR HYATTSVILLE ARMORY

Bill Urged Before Maryland Legislative Committee—Riverdale Seeks Schoolhouse.

Correspondence of The Star.
HYATTSVILLE, March 4.—Prospects for the erection of an armory for the accommodation of Company F, 1st Maryland Regiment, stationed in Hyattsville, are exceedingly bright. Tuesday of this week Capt. C. A. Greager headed a delegation which appeared before legislative committees to urge an appropriation of \$35,000 for the purchase of a site and the erection of an armory in Hyattsville. Besides Capt. Greager, Corporation Counsel Vincent A. Sheehy and T. Howard Duckett of Bladensburg made arguments in favor of the appropriation.

State Senator William F. Hodnead of Prince Georges county will, it is said, introduce a bill directing the county commissioners to issue \$25,000 bonds for the erection of a public schoolhouse in Riverdale. The county commissioners have refused to make a special levy for this schoolhouse. The claim is made by the citizens of Riverdale that the present schoolhouse is not only inadequate, but is antiquated. Many pupils now attending the schools in Hyattsville and Washington, it is said, should be provided with facilities for attending school at home, thereby saving to the parents traveling expenses.

Would Change Voting Hours.

Delegate R. Lee Van Horn of Prince Georges county has introduced a bill changing the hours for voting for commissioners in Bladensburg from 2 to 8 p.m. The present hours are from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., and it is claimed that much of the time between these hours is wasted, and that from 2 to 8 p.m. is sufficient time in which to permit all those desiring to vote to exercise the privilege. Delegate Van Horn also introduced a bill authorizing the commissioners of Bladensburg to lay cement sidewalks and to assess one-quarter of the cost against the abutting property owners instead of one-half the cost, as at present. The bill introduced by Delegate Joseph H. Blandford, Jr., of Prince Georges county to appropriate \$20,000 for two plants for the making of lime from oyster shells came up as the special order in the house of delegates Wednesday. Amendments were made to the bill reducing the appropriation to \$12,000 and providing for one plant in southern Maryland instead of

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two plants. The bill passed the house. It is understood that a stubborn fight will be made against the bill in the senate by private manufacturers of lime throughout the state.

Railways to Fight Bill.
The bill of Delegate William N. Fisher of Prince Georges county to require the Washington-Baltimore and Annapolis railway to provide waiting rooms and lights at stations in Prince Georges county has passed the house of delegates. It is understood that the railway company will oppose the passage of the bill in the senate, and will claim that these improvements are not needed by the public service commission.

The Berwyn Citizens' Association, Prof. C. F. Chase, president, will meet at Berwyn Monday evening. Arrangements are being made for a discussion of the Earlard railway requiring government clerks to work an additional hour daily without compensation, and it is probable that some prominent speakers will be asked to address the meeting on the subject. Many government clerks reside in the Berwyn section of Maryland. The association will also take up the proposed bill for the reduction of railway fares on the City and Suburban railway between the District of Columbia line and Laurel for school children. This bill has been introduced in the house of delegates by Delegate Fisher.

THE DAILY STORY.

THE MOTHER.

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Mrs. Moon pushed the chair with the broken spring a little farther into the corner. She trusted that no one would venture to sit upon it. She drew the corner of a rug over the big darn in the carpet. She perched a shabby cushion over the hole in the covering of the forlorn haircloth sofa. Then, with a sigh, she sat down and stared about the worn-out and dingy-looking room. It told many pitiful secrets of ill health, poverty, the gradual humbling of quality and pride. The small, sickly, faded woman in the rickety rocker had by a long process of misery come to belong to the room and the room to her. She felt it to be so. One mistake had brought it all about. She had loved the wrong man.

There was the sound of steps and yawning overhead. Evidently some one had just arisen from bed, although Mrs. Moon pushed the chair with the broken spring a little farther into the corner. She trusted that no one would venture to sit upon it. She drew the corner of a rug over the big darn in the carpet. She perched a shabby cushion over the hole in the covering of the forlorn haircloth sofa. Then, with a sigh, she sat down and stared about the worn-out and dingy-looking room. It told many pitiful secrets of ill health, poverty, the gradual humbling of quality and pride. The small, sickly, faded woman in the rickety rocker had by a long process of misery come to belong to the room and the room to her. She felt it to be so. One mistake had brought it all about. She had loved the wrong man.

"YOU THINK SUCCESS AND MONEY WILL BRING ME HAPPINESS?"
The morning was far advanced. Presently the narrow, steep stairs leading up from the next room began to creak and a man came down. He was slender, dapper, quite good-looking and neatly dressed.
"Leon?" Mrs. Moon called, softly.
He turned and looked at her over his shoulder—as he might have looked if the old piano had disturbed him with a sound. "Well?" he said.
"Mayn't I get you some breakfast this morning, dear? There's an egg and—"
"I prefer to go to the cafe," he replied shortly, and taking his hat from the rack, strode out. She heard him pause at the steps to light a cigarette. "Poor Leon," she thought, dutifully. He is so tired after he has been playing in the band."
Even to herself she would not acknowledge the fact that she had eaten only toast for her breakfast, having saved the egg in the hope that he might condescend to remain at home. Her husband was a mere transient in his own house. He had no occupation save that exceedingly fragmentary one of leading the band. There had been a summer night concert the evening before, and it had wearied him. He was not strong, he told herself, and he had the musical temperament. She herself was not musical, and so he spent his

time among those who were. She did not expect to see him again all day. Slowly she bent forward until her head rested upon her hand. Her face became piteous in its sadness. Then her eyes lifted to a picture and lingered there. It was in a broad, flat oak frame—the picture of a girl with youth in her hair, in her dimpled cheek, in her slanting eyelashes.

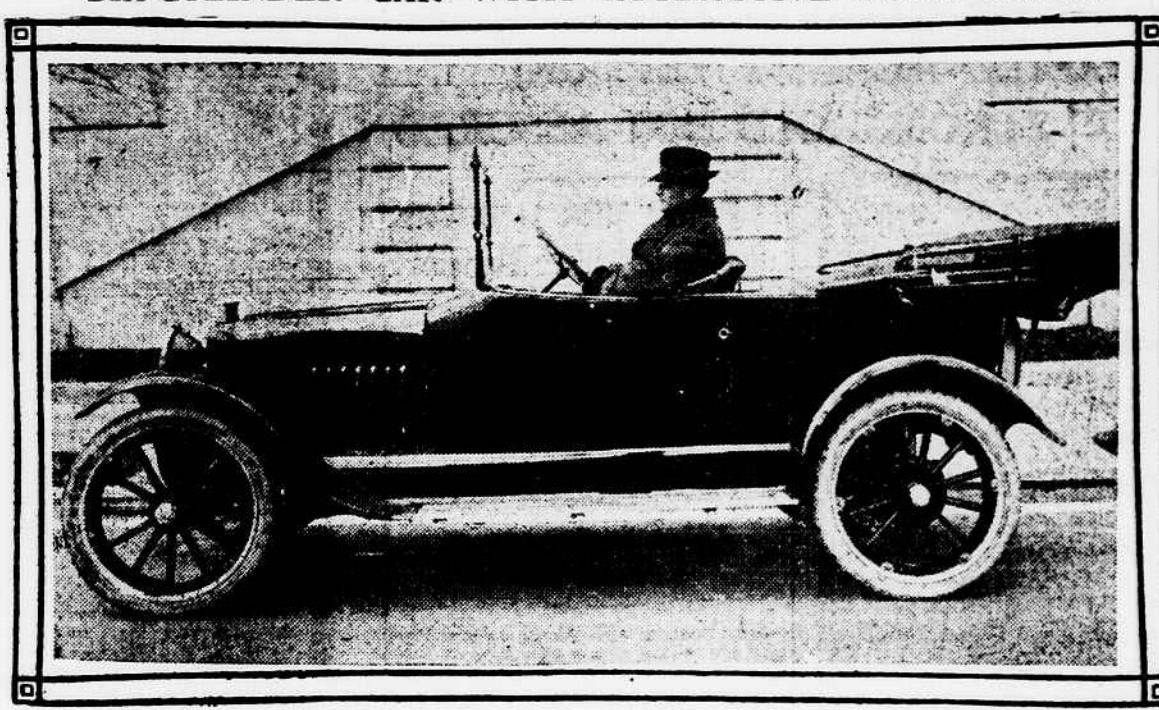
"Millicent," Mrs. Moon said. And she smiled. Her daughter's picture had been when she married Leon Moon. Millicent had the temple a rather long eyelashes and the sunny hair. She knew what she looked like now, but it gave her no heartache. She lived again in Millicent.
Yes, in Millicent she was again to know joy and taste the sweet, wild flavor of success. Millicent was her old self, and yet more than her old self. From her father Millicent had inherited a love for music. But her voice

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ran away. The older brother was too deeply respectful of the wishes of his father to take a throne against that revered ancestor's will, so he ran away. Taking advantage of the general confusion, a distant and less conscientious relative made himself emperor.
That was all three thousand years ago, but the halo of noble conduct still hovers over Yung Ping Fu. After a few hundred years Confucius came along and used the example of the brothers as a text to preach from, so the place of the princes and their city in Chinese

regard is secure.
For the rest Yung Ping Fu is a quiet, sleepy town, encircled by an old thick wall, where you can promenade in the cool of the evening and look down into people's backyards. The streets are rough and broken, the walls are full of holes, as though the dignity of Yung Ping Fu were slowly leaking out. You see the simple temples of the god of agriculture and the god of literature, the little shrines along the wall to lesser deities. And you wonder if this oldest of peoples has fallen into a final

stupor, to be partitioned among the younger nations, or if her lethargy is only the same passive resistance that has brought her with vigor unimpaired through all historic time.

NEW RULES FOR INSPECTIONS.

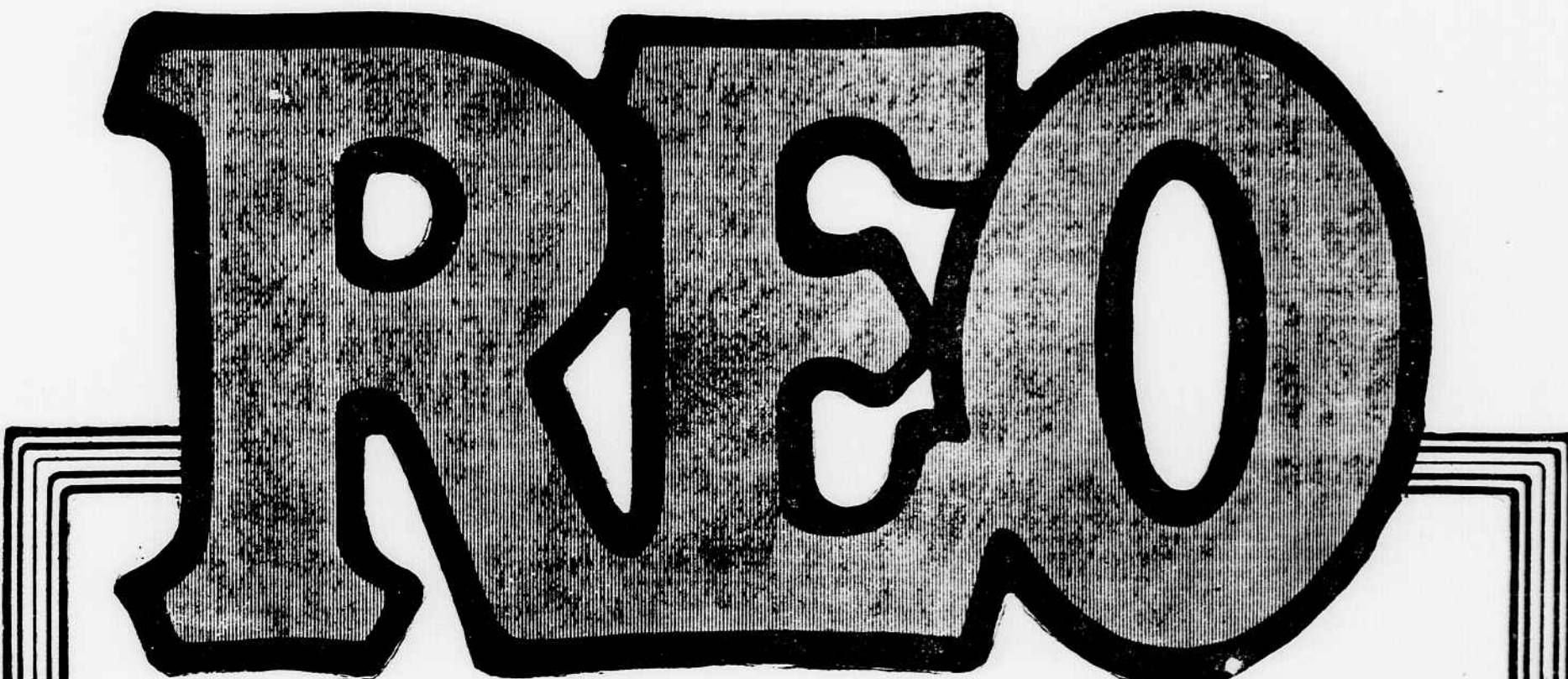
Regulations Regarding Second Cabin Passengers on Transoceanic Liners.

New rules for the inspection of second cabin passengers of the transoceanic liners were drafted at a conference between Solicitor John R. Denmore of the Department of Labor, commissioners of Immigration from Boston, New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore, and officers of the United States public health service yesterday. They will not be made public until approved by Secretary Wilson.

Some time ago the Secretary of Labor ordered that all inspections of second cabin passengers should be made at the immigration stations instead of on shipboard as is done in the case of the first cabin passengers. The steamship companies made such a protest that the order was revoked and the conference today is to draft an order to take the place of that order.

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